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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: **Shuji YAMAOKA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2858**

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Examiner: **John X. Zhu**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 27, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2006 for one month from September 29, 2006 to October 29, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the cost of the extension. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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